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U.S. Naval Hospital Naples & Sigonella

Transition to Outpatient Clinics

- Deputy Secretary of Defense (Robert Work) released a memo in December 2015 addressing Military Health System modernization efforts that identified three military hospitals that are to transition to outpatient clinics by FY19:
 - U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy
 - U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella, Italy
 - U.S. Air Force, 31st Medical Group, Aviano Air Base.
- Beginning Oct. 1, 2018, U.S. Naval Hospitals (USNH) Naples and Sigonella will become clinics, maintaining same-day surgical services.
- Maternal care and birthing capabilities will be available for women who are low risk and are expected to have uncomplicated births, consistent with what is currently offered at other Navy Medicine clinic commands.
- Emergency, ambulatory, outpatient and ancillary services will also remain unchanged.
- If a patient is required to be admitted, they will be transferred to a network facility. This excludes the admission of low risk/uncomplicated births.
- Naval hospital leadership and staff continue to partner closely with host nation health care facilities to ensure the best experience possible for all beneficiaries by providing patient liaisons, case managers, and translation services to support continuity of care. The transitions will be implemented in phases beginning April 2018 through Sept. 30, 2018.